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Harvard Raps CIA Recruiting; No Hassle At Yale

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While the president of Harvard has complained of covert recruitment of faculty and employees by the CIA, a Yale spokesman said Friday that "cloak and dagger" enlistment operations by the intelligence agency do not exist here.

Harvard President Derek Bok charged at a U.S. Senate panel hearing in Washington Thursday that the CIA was covertly recruiting university faculty and employees in violation of the institution's personnel policies.

While Bok said it might be justified for the CIA to ignore the university's rules in cases of national security, he added that the covert use of academic personnel on campus is not essential to the agency's intelligence function.

Stanley Flink, director of university communications at Yale said the university has no particular personnel policies dealing with campus recruitment by the

nation's intelligence agencies.

"We have had no record of any discussion, complaint or any investigation of any CIA covert recruiting activities at Yale during the past few years," he said.

Flink said that CIA recruitment on campus is handled through university channels in the same way that campus interviews are conducted by corporations.

"There are no special regulations concerning the CIA," Flink said. "The CIA has every right to come in and openly interview those interested in a job described."

"It's not cloak and dagger here," he added. "I'm sure that if there were any problems we would have heard about them."